

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6925–S6947

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2940–2950, S.J. Res. 27, and S. Res. 408–409. **Pages S6942–43**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 1931, to amend title 23, United States Code, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways and highway safety construction programs. (S. Rept. No. 117–41) **Page S6942**

Measures Passed:

Amending the Fentanyl Sanctions Act: Senate passed H.R. 4981, to amend the Fentanyl Sanctions Act, to modify certain deadlines relating to the Commission on Combating Synthetic Opioid Trafficking. **Page S6947**

National Character Counts Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 409, designating the week beginning October 17, 2021, as “National Character Counts Week”. **Page S6947**

House Messages:

Promoting Physical Activity for Americans Act–Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House to S. 1301, to provide for the publication by the Secretary of Health and Human Services of physical activity recommendations for Americans, occur on Thursday, October 7, 2021, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, following consultation with the Republican Leader. **Page S6939**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 54 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 409), Sarah A.L. Merriam, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 53 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 408), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6931**

Gwen Graham, of Florida, to be Assistant Secretary for Legislation and Congressional Affairs, Department of Education.

Roberto Josue Rodriguez, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, Department of Education.

Elizabeth Merrill Brown, of Maryland, to be General Counsel, Department of Education. **Page S6928**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Page S6941**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—409) **Pages S6931, S6938**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 and adjourned at 12:10 a.m. on Thursday, October 7, 2021, until 10 a.m. on the same day. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S6947.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ENHANCING DATA SECURITY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine enhancing data security, after receiving testimony from Jessica L. Rich, former Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, and Edward W. Felten, former Chief